



## Nebraska Judicial Profile 2008

# Honorable Donald E. Rowlands

### Judgeship

1986 – present

#### **Judge of the District Court, 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District**

*(Arthur, Chase, Dawson, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Gosper, Hayes, Hitchcock, Hooker, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Perkins, Red Willow, & Thomas counties)*

### Experience

1974 – 1986

North Platte, NE

**Private practice of law**

### Education

**University of Nebraska College of Law, 1974** Juris Doctorate

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln** Bachelor of Science

### Judicial/Law Related Activities

#### **Professional Affiliations**

Nebraska State Bar Association

Lincoln County Bar Association

Former president, 1980

#### **Nebraska State Bar/Local Attorney Association Committees**

Mentoring Committee, 1996 – 1999

Judiciary Committee, 1992 – 1999

Bench Bar Conference Committee, 1989 – 1999

Budget and Audit Committee, 1984 – 1986

#### **Nebraska Supreme Court Committees**

Judicial Ethics Committee

Chairman, 2000 – 2002

Member, 1995 – 2002

Court Interpreter Committee, 1995 – 1996

Weighted Caseload Advisory Committee, 1995 – 1996

Audio in the Courtroom Advisory Committee, 1990 – 1992

Facsimile Advisory Committee, 1991 – 1992

### **Nebraska District Judges Association**

Former president, 2000 – 2001

Judicial Education Committee

Chairman, 1990 – 1993

Member, 1986 – present

### **Community Activities**

Nebraska High School Mock Trial Project, Nebraska State Bar Foundation, Volunteer judge

Lincoln County Leadership Program, 1994 – present

Dawson County Leadership Program, 1993 – 2001

Holy Spirit Catholic Church, parish council, 1983 – 1986

Western Nebraska Legal Services, former member Board of Directors, 1983 – 1986

Lincoln County Alcohol and Drug Education program, former chairman, 1975 – 1978

### **Honors and Awards**

**2000 Nebraska Supreme Court Outstanding Judge**, for service to the community: is the highest honor given by the Chief Justice to recognize members of the judiciary for meritorious projects and exemplary accomplishments that enhance the vision of justice within Nebraska communities.

**Nebraska Supreme Court Leadership in Education Award**, 1993

**Nebraska State Bar Foundation Fellow:** Selection to become a Fellow in the Nebraska State Bar Foundation is based on the integrity and character of the lawyer/judge. The Foundation recognizes established legal professionals who are dedicated to improving the administration of justice. Fellows are accredited by colleagues as leaders of the legal profession who contribute to the charitable and community education works of Foundation.

### **Teaching & Publishing**

**Author**, “Handling Capital Cases,” 2002

**Author**, “Civil Procedure,” Judges’ Benchbook, Chapter IX, 1994

**Instructor**, ‘Civil Procedure for Newly Appointed Judges,’  
1992 – present

**Speaker/Coordinator** of over 30 seminars on such diverse issues as Judicial Ethics, Search and Seizure, Family Law, Death Penalty, Cultural Diversity Awareness, Jury and Trial Management, current Issues, Comparative Negligence, Child Sexual Abuse, Free Press/Fair Trial, 1986 – present  
Business Law Instructor, Mid Plains Community College,  
1975 – 1977